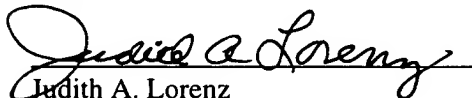


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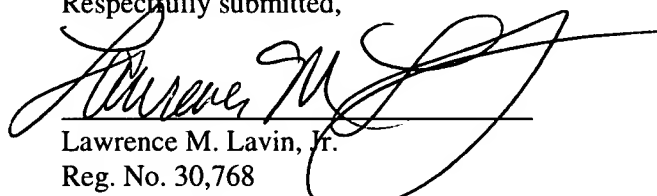
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- X Response to Election Requirement;
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002 (Paper Number 8), Applicants submit the following remarks.

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed July 2, 2002 (Paper Number 5), the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to either a single SEQ ID NO or to nucleic acids encoding a single protein selected from Table 1. Applicants respectfully traversed the election requirement, and provisionally elected SEQ ID NO: 7212 for further prosecution. *See* Response to Election Requirement mailed October 31, 2002 (Paper Number 7).

Applicants note that the Examiner also stated "If a single SEQ ID NO is elected, Applicants should further identify the protein of Table 1, if any, that corresponds to the elected

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